

for our country, and they deserve our gratitude and support. We must welcome them home and help them transition to civilian life. Assisting our Nation's veterans and families is of the utmost importance.

I am grateful Mr. Daunis is raising awareness for an issue about which I care deeply. Having a family member who has served in the Armed Forces, I have always been an advocate for our troops. As a member of the United States Senate Committee on Veterans Affairs, I will continue to vocalize my support for our servicemembers. I applaud Mr. Daunis for undertaking this 448-mile journey over 18 days from Reno to Las Vegas, and I stand with him.

Mr. Daunis' selfless efforts to honor and acknowledge our Nation's veterans embodies the value of service over self. I commend Mr. Daunis for his steadfast determination in raising awareness for those who keep us safe. Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Daunis for his service to our country and commitment to helping veterans in need.●

TRIBUTE TO LAURA HODSON

● Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, today I recognize Laura Hodson, an intern in my Aberdeen, SD, office, for all of the hard work she has done for me, my staff, and the State of South Dakota.

Laura is a graduate of Bennett County High School in Martin, SD. Currently, she is attending Northern State University, where she is majoring in political science. She is a hard worker who has been dedicated to getting the most out of her internship experience.

I extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to Laura for all of the fine work she has done and wish her continued success in the years to come.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Pate, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The messages received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR ON APRIL 10, 2013

The following bills were read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

S. 680. A bill to rescind amounts appropriated for fiscal year 2013 for the Department of Defense for the Medium Extended Air Defense System, and for other purposes.

S. 691. A bill to regulate large capacity ammunition feeding devices.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-1113. A communication from the Director, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; Establishment of the Multi-State Plan Program for the Affordable Insurance Exchanges" (RIN3206-AM47) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 28, 2013; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1114. A communication from the Secretary of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Health Plan Value Methodology"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1115. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "OMB Final Sequestration Report to the President and Congress for Fiscal Year 2013"; to the Committees on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry; Appropriations; Armed Services; Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs; the Budget; Commerce, Science, and Transportation; Energy and Natural Resources; Environment and Public Works; Finance; Foreign Relations; Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions; Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs; Indian Affairs; Select Committee on Intelligence; the Judiciary; Rules and Administration; Small Business and Entrepreneurship; and Veterans' Affairs.

EC-1116. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Styrene-Ethylene-Propylene Block Copolymer; Tolerance Exemption" (FRL No. 9380-5) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 8, 2013; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1117. A communication from the Chief Executive Officer, Corporation for National and Community Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Corporation's fiscal year 2014 Congressional Budget Justification and fiscal year 2012 Annual Performance Report; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1118. A communication from the Chairman, Merit Systems Protection Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's fiscal year 2012 annual report relative to the Notification and Federal Employee Anti-discrimination and Retaliation Act of 2002; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1119. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Regulatory Affairs and Collaborative Action, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Residential, Business, and Wind and Solar Resource Leases on Indian Land" (RIN1076-AE73) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 1, 2013; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-1120. A communication from the Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the notification of eligi-

ble members for per capita payments in the subject judgment funds; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-1121. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to restoring certain funds to the Delaware Tribe of Indians; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-1122. A communication from the Federal Liaison Officer, Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to Patent Term Adjustment" (RIN0651-AC84) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 1, 2013; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1123. A communication from the Federal Liaison Officer, Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Changes to Representation of Others Before the United States Patent and Trademark Office" (RIN0651-AC81) received during the adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 1, 2013; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1124. A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "The Office on Violence Against Women's Grant Funds Used to Address Stalking: 2012 Report to Congress"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1125. A communication from the Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Office of Legislative Affairs, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department of Justice's 2012 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Litigation and Compliance Report; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1126. A communication from the Secretary, Judicial Conference of the United States, transmitting, a report of proposed legislation entitled "Criminal Judicial Procedure, Administration, and Technical Amendments Act of 2013"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1127. A communication from the Secretary, Judicial Conference of the United States, transmitting, a report relative to bankruptcy judgeship recommendations and corresponding draft legislation for the 113th Congress; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1128. A communication from the Director, Administrative Office of the United States Courts, transmitting, pursuant to law, an annual report on crime victims' rights; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1129. A communication from the Associate Administrator, Office of Government Contracting and Business Development, Small Business Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "2011 Fiscal Year Report to the U.S. Congress on Minority Small Business and Capital Ownership Development"; to the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

EC-1130. A communication from the Director of the Regulation Policy and Management Office of the General Counsel, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Grants to States for Construction or Acquisition of State Homes" (RIN2900-AO60) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 9, 2013; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted: